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1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REF A, WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER OF  
EC FOOD AID TO PAKISTAN WITH COMMISSION FOOD AID OFFICIALS.  
SZARF (DG VIII) SAYS THAT THE 35,000 MT CEREALS FOOD AID

UNDER 1976 PROGRAM HAS JUST BEEN SHIPPED. THIS SHIPMENT  
SHOULD ARRIVE IN PAKISTAN IN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS.

2. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARE ALREADY AWARE OF THE  
IMPROVED CROP SITUATION IN PAKISTAN. THEY CONSEQUENTLY  
ARE REVIEWING WITH THE GOP PROPOSED EC 1977 CEREALS FOOD  
AID PROGRAM OF 25,000 MT. THEGOP IS EXPECTED TO RESPOND  
SHORTLY TO AN EC QUERY REGARDING GOP FOOD AID NEEDSTHIS  
YEAR. COMMISSION OFFICIALS ADD THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY  
DISPOSED TO CANCEL 1977 PROGRAM AND TRANSFER IT TO THE EC  
GENERAL FOOD AID ARESERVE.

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3. REGARDING THE UMR FOR PAKISTAN FOR THE PERIOD JULY  
1976 TO JUNE 1977, COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARROWSMITH (DG VI)  
SAYS THAT THE U.S. SUGGESTION (REFA, PARA 2) HAS MERIT  
BUT ITWOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH THE ACTUAL LEVEL  
OF PAKISTANI COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS. ARROWSMITH SAYS  
THE COMMISSIONWILL REVIEW OUR PROPOSAL AND

GATHER WHAT STATISTICS THEY HAVE ON IMPORTS INTO PAKISTAN. THEY COMMISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE MIGHT HAVE RE GOP COMMERCIAL PURCHASES. THE COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY TAKE NO ACTION ON THE UMR FOR PAKISTAN BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

4. THE CANADIAN MISSION HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO COORDINATE A GOC RESPONSE ON THE PAKISTAN UNM WITH US AND THE AUSTRALIANS. OTTAWA IS NOT FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS A NIL UMR. OUR CANADIAN CONTACT THINKS THE U.S.

SUGGESTION IS ONE WHICH THE GOC CAN SUPPORT. THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM ITS GOVERNMENT BUT OUR CONTACT THINKS CANBERRA WOULD LIKELY FOLLOW U.S. LEAD ON THIS MATTER.

5. TURNING TO THE RECENT US/EC FOOD AID COORDINATION MEETING IN WASHINGTON, SZARF EXPRESSES HIGH APPRECIATION FOR THE VERY USEFUL MEETING ARRANGED BY U.S. FOOD AID OFFICIALS. HE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THESE MEETINGS, AS APPROPRIATE. SZARF SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING AS A POSSIBLE WAY TO CONTINUE INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEW: (1) REGULAR CONTACTS BETWEEN US AID OFFICIALS AND EC DELEGATES IN THE FIELD IN ORDER TO EVALUATE LDC FOOD AID NEEDS AND COORDINATE PLANS; (2) ANNUAL INFORMAL PROGRAMMING SESSIONS TO COORDINATE COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR BRUSSELS; AND (3) PERIODIC COORDINATING MEETINGS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO DISCUSS FOOD AID POLICY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATTERS. SZARF ADDS THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING US FOOD AID OFFICIALS IN ROME AT THE NEXT FAO MEETING. HE ENCOURAGES US FOOD AID OFFICIALS TO STOP BY BRUSSELS WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT. HINTON

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